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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Holliday:

In your letter of January 2, 1979 to this Office you asked whether it would be lawful for a municipal animal control officer to carry a pistol. [Section 16-23-20, Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), 1976, makes it unlawful for any person except those falling within the exceptions listed to carry a pistol whether concealed or not. A review of such section does not indicate that such an exception exists as to municipal animal control officers. Therefore, such individuals would be prohibited from carrying a pistol in that capacity unless they acquired a permit from the State Law Enforcement Division as provided in [Section 23-31-120 of the Code](#) of Laws, as amended.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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